Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The draft rules have been framed and it came up before the last meeting of the Board day before yesterday and we think that it requires further scrutiny. We have put off the rules for the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has any loan been granted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* No.

PAY OF TAHSILDARS—REVISION OF

65. **Mr. K. T. Achuthan** *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what are the grounds for converting two posts in the Revenue Department to Rs. 200—300;

(*b*) are not the work in Trichur and Cochin-Kanayannur Taluks more and excessive than that of other Taluks;

(*c*) whether the two grades referred in (*a*) are for the excessive work in the Trichur and Cochin-Kanayannur Taluks ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Government were convinced that the seniormost officers on Rs. 150—250 in the Revenue Department had a grievance regarding their grade of pay. Two posts on Rs. 150—250 were therefore converted into higher grades to redress their grievance.

(*b*) Trichur and Cochin-Kanayannur are two of the major Taluks.

(*c*) No. They are for the two seniormost officers on Rs. 150—250 in the Department.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Is it not proper that the Tahsildars of Cochin-Kanayannur and Trichur are given this grade of pay?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Government do not think so.

PORT WORKERS MEETING—POLICE CONSTABLES—CREATION OF DISTURBANCE

66. **Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan** *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have seen the reports in the Press that a few Police Constables in mufti entered into and created disturbances in a meeting of the Port workers held at Mattancheri Karippalam Maidan on 29th Medam 1121;

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry about the alleged incident ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The allegation that the Police Constables in mufti created disturbance was found to be incorrect.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Did the Police Constables in uniform, Sir, make any disturbance?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was there any disturbance at all, Sir?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There was.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellai):* May I know, what was the disturbance?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It was due to a frog and not on account of a human being. It seems a frog jumped about and there was some rush of people.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* May I know, who made the enquiry?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The departmental head concerned.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* Has any allegation against the police ever made, found to be correct after enquiry?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* As a matter of fact we are finding many of the allegations to be incorrect.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* Was the enquiry made at the Police Station?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I do not know the exact place where the enquiry was conducted. The concerned officer made the enquiry at the necessary place.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Did he go to the place directly?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Apparently he went there and ascertained what happened.

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